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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the remarks set forth hereinbelow.

Claims 1-7 have been cancelled in their entireties. Claims 15-17 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b).

Claim 8 has been re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As amended, claim 8 now overcomes Examiner's objection to it as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and, as amended, is now believed to be allowable. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to depend more logically from the now-amended claim 8. Claim 12 has been amended to read more smoothly while depending from amended claim 8. Claims 11, 13 and 14 are original claims. Amended claims 9, 10 and 12 and original claims 11, 13 and 14 are believed to overcome Examiner's objections in the same manner that amended claim 8 overcomes them and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as amended claim 8 is allowable.

Prior art made of record and not relied upon are noted but are not deemed to disclose or otherwise fairly imply applicant's invention as it is now defined by claims 8-14.

In conclusion, since none of the references either taken alone or in combination teach or otherwise suggest the specific structure as is now defined by applicant in claims 8-14 and these claims now define applicant's invention particularly and distinctly over the prior art, allowance of these claims is believed to be clearly in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully

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